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MACALESTER ATHLETICS

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MEGAPHONE

A Newsletter of M CLUB Activities & Macalester College Athletics

MEYER BLAZES THROUGH

Cross country and track runner Kimber Meyer '17 became the first Scot since 2007 to compete at the national cross country meet, where she earned All-America honors with her 22nd-place finish. She was also the only first-year in Division III this year to earn the All-America distinction in cross country, indoor track and outdoor track.

Meyer's success began in the fall as she finished fourth at the MIAC Cross Country Championships and fifth at the NCAA regional meet where she qualified for the NCAA Championships. In indoor track, Meyer earned her first MIAC title, winning the 3,000-meter run. She then picked up her second title in the 5,000-meter run

at the MIAC outdoor meet. Meyer shattered her own personal record at the national meet to cap off her spectacular rookie year and earn her Macalester's First-Year Female Athlete of the Year honor.

Meyer attributes much of her success to a positive team dynamic, which shows in the team's achievements: Women's cross country placed fourth at the MIAC Championships—the first top-four finish in 15 years—and earned a top-10 regional finish for the first time since qualifying for nationals in 2005. Meyer has already run the fastest 6,000-meter time in Mac cross country history, and with three years left with the Scots, she is bound to continue setting records.

First Year at Mac



MAC HAC

On June 2, 153 people in 38 teams came out to support student-athletes at the Athletics Department's 25th-annual Mac Hac, held at the Mendakota Country Club in Mendota Heights. The 18-hole scramble and silent auction raise funds benefitting all Macalester student-athletes—a tradition that began in 1990 at the hands of M Club Hall of Fame coach John Leaney.

A great day of golf was capped off by an annual banquet that celebrated the success of Macalester athletics in 2013–14, as well as the accomplishments of Leaney, who retired from the college this spring. Leaney spent 25 successful years coaching both the men's and women's soccer programs and served for the last five years as the department's recruiting coordinator. Leaney's coaching

career is highlighted by a 1998 NCAA Division III women's soccer championship and a runner-up appearance the following year.

Repeating as Championship Flight winners for the third year in a row were (left, L to R) former Mac golfers Kramer Lawson '05, Wes McFarland '05, Kristy Horner '03 and Zach Youmans '05. They matched their score from a year ago with 58.

The Blue Flight also had a repeat championship team as (lower left, L to R) Christian Koch '87, Charley Howe '86, Mark Davis and Chuck Riesenberg '72 won with a score of 64. Winning the Orange Flight were (lower right, L to R) Robbie Seals, Scott Anderson, Doug Rosenberg and Kevin Motl with a score of 70.

Other winners:

Longest Drive (men): **Steve Misvaer**

Longest Drive (seniors): **Marc Knoche '72**

Longest Drive (women): **Jordan Matheson '09**

Closest to the pin #4: **Scott Anderson**

Closest to the pin #17: **Ryan Wenkus**

Closest to the "gin" #7: **Jimmi Peterson**

Hengstler "Farthest from the pin on the green" #14: **Craig Hall**

Shortest Drive #11: **Tom Ballard**

Longest Putt #13: **Jim Jordan '69**

Putting Contest: **Jeff Ruehl**



At the annual Macalester student-athlete banquet on May 2, the department recognized the outstanding athletic and academic achievements of last year's student-athletes. The year's top honors—the M Club Athlete of the Year—went to Renee Jordan '14 of the women's swimming & diving team and Auburn Jimenez '14 of the men's cross country, football and track & field teams.

After three successful years on the diving board for the Scots, Jordan capped off her career in outstanding fashion when she won the 1-meter diving title at the NCAA Division III Women's Swimming & Diving Championships. With the title and a fourth-place finish on the 3-meter board, Jordan added two more All-America honors to her list of athletic achievements. Jordan also repeated as MIAC champion on the 3-meter board and broke all four of her school diving records.

A three-sport star who excelled for four years at Macalester, Jimenez helped lead the cross country team to its best finish in the last seven years. Jimenez—a former All-American football player—leaves the program as the leading scorer in the 121-year history of Macalester football. This year, he led the team

with 51 points and made 11 field goals. He also qualified for the MIAC Championships in multiple events for both indoor and outdoor track & field.

Senior Scholar-Athletes of the Year are Laura Avena from the volleyball team (Dorothy Michel Award) and Joe Dykema from the football team (George E. Scotten Endowed Prize). Junior Scholar-Athletes of the Year are Anya Phillips of the women's soccer and water polo teams (Dorothy Michel Award) and Cole Erickson of the men's soccer team (David C. Primrose Award).



Renee Jordan '14



Auburn Jimenez '14

OTHER MAJOR MACALESTER DEPARTMENTAL AWARD WINNERS INCLUDE

Rider Cup Dual Sports Award (Male):

Auburn Jimenez '14
(football/cross country/
track & field)

Rider Cup Dual Sports Award (Female):

Carmen Whitehead '14
(basketball/tennis)

Wrean Family Awards:

Women's Basketball:
Carmen Whitehead '14

Women's Soccer:
Bonnie Benton '14

Volleyball:
Bailey Rehnberg '14

Service to the Department Award:

Daymond Dean '91
(staff)

Team Academic Award
(highest team GPA):

Men: Tennis (3.61)

Women: Cross Country
(3.60)

THE PIPER AWARDS

were presented to the male and female athletes of the year in each class. These honors went to:

SENIOR MALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR:

Ross Bronfenbrenner
(baseball)

SENIOR FEMALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR:

Georgia Cloepfil
(soccer)

JUNIOR MALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR:

Konnor Fleming
(track & field/football)

JUNIOR FEMALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR:

Saraswati Wilson
(softball)

SOPHOMORE MALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR:

Logan Hovie
(track & field)

SOPHOMORE FEMALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR:

Hunter Hedenberg
(swimming & diving)

FIRST-YEAR MALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR:

Kareem Ismail
(basketball)

FIRST-YEAR FEMALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR:

Kimber Meyer
(cross country/track & field)

ALUMNI SERVICE AWARD

to Verdoes

This year at Reunion, Dean Verdoes '64 received the Alumni Service Award for his ongoing dedication to the college and exemplary service in high school athletics and public education. Verdoes was a valuable player for Macalester's men's basketball team and, after graduating, spent 35 years working as a math teacher, athletic director and assistant principal, as well as a basketball, soccer and golf coach at Clarkfield, Madison and Henry Sibley high schools.

Since retiring in 2000, Verdoes has volunteered for the ISD 197 District Educational Foundation, co-chaired the Class of 1964's 50th Reunion program committee, and was inducted into the Minnesota State High School League's Hall of Fame in 2011. He is an active member of Macalester's M Club Board of Directors, for whom he has chaired the Hall of Fame Committee, presided over the M Club budget, and frequently served as chief Scot Dog griller at various Sports Days.



M CLUBBERS Unite!

Tues., Sept. 16, 7:30 p.m.
Women's Soccer vs.
St. Thomas

Sat., Sept. 20, 1 p.m.
Men's Soccer vs. Hamline

Sat., Oct. 4, 1 p.m.
M Club Fall Sports Day
Football vs. Knox

Sat.-Mon., Oct. 4-6
Time TBD
MIAC Golf Championships
at Bunker Hills
Tee Send-offs

Fri., Oct. 10, 7 p.m.
Volleyball vs. Gustavus

Sat., Nov. 1
Cross country MIAC
Championships
2:15 p.m. Men's
3:15 p.m. Women's



TITLE IX

Changed the Game

At this year's Reunion, the M Club and the Class of 1964 sponsored a Title IX forum that explored the landmark Civil Rights legislation and its ongoing influence on athletics. Keynote speaker Ann Bancroft, one of the world's preeminent polar explorers, is dedicated to inspiring women and girls around the world to unleash the power of their dreams. Other panelists included alumni, athletes and M Club directors.

L to R: Dean Verdoes '64, Ann Bancroft, Bailey Rehnberg '14, Kathy Pinkett '75, Jennifer Lundblad '88, Joy Van '48 and moderator Craig Canham '64



RUNNER GIVES

Commencement Address

In one of the great honors the college can bestow, Lucy Andrews '14 was selected Senior Speaker for Commencement, sharing the dais with President Rosenberg, Macalester trustees, and Dr. Paul Farmer, co-founder of Partners in Health.

In her address Andrews spoke of her experience with academic burnout and the semester she spent living in the wilderness of Wyoming in order to get back on track, reminding her classmates that a completed Macalester education is all about knowing the importance of making choices for oneself.

Andrews was a four-year member of the track and cross country teams, captaining the track team in her senior season. Despite suffering several injuries, Andrews' dedication never flagged. According to Coach Betsy Emerson, such tenacity is simply a part of Andrews' character. "It's a testament to her determination, her aspiration to be a key part of our team," said Emerson in an interview with *The Mac Weekly*. When she's not running, Andrews races Nordic ski marathons at an elite level throughout the Midwest.

Andrews studied geology and international studies and three times achieved Academic All-MIAC honors. She was a student employee for three years in the Department of Multicultural Life, once organizing a panel of women athletes in recognition of the 40th anniversary of Title IX.



Message

Greetings M Clubbers!

One of the most important functions of the M Club is to actively support Macalester athletics and its athletes. This year at Reunion we co-hosted a panel discussion on Title IX, the legislation that resulted in far greater opportunities for women in athletics. The panel included M Club members Craig Canham '64 (moderator), Kathy Pinkett '75, Joy Van '48, Bailey Rehnberg '14, and M Club directors Dean Verdoes '64 and Jennifer Lundblad '88, and featured polar adventurer Ann Bancroft.

The Nystrom Hall of Fame room was packed as the panel shared perspectives on Title IX, stressing the significance of organized athletics, particularly as a catalyst for achievements later in life. I would like to thank those M Club panelists and everyone who attended this outstanding M Club event!

Please circle September 27 on your calendar and plan on joining us as we induct Liz Connors, Tim Hultquist, Jennie Haire Johnson, and Blaine Kunze into the M Club Hall of Fame. We will also be recognizing other Hall of Fame members in attendance. Once again, we invite you to sponsor attendance for a current athlete as we believe it is important for them to hear our inductees reflect on the significance of their athletic experience at Macalester.

Lastly, I want you to keep connected with Macalester athletics by either attending competitions—see the fall list of M Clubbers Unite! events—or keeping in touch via the Macalester athletics website (macalester.edu/athletics), YouTube, or Facebook. With that in mind, I look forward to seeing you at events so together we can shout out...

LET'S GO MAC!

Steve Cox, M Club President





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ALUMNI

Return

In January, Macalester welcomed track alumni back to campus for a meet, and in the spring, 12 water polo alumni returned for a game with current players. Alumni events are a great way to stay in touch with the college, see former teammates, and inspire—and be inspired by—our current athletes.

COMING TO

the Hall of Fame

Join your friends at the M Club Hall of Fame banquet, Saturday, September 27, as we honor and induct these outstanding athletes:

Timothy Hultquist '72, trustee emeritus, (golf)

Blaine Kunze '86 (football/baseball/track & field)

Jennie Haire Johnson '96 (soccer)

Elizabeth Connors '00 (track & field/cross country)



FOOTBALL'S NEW CONFERENCE

This fall, Macalester football kicks off its first season as part of the Midwest Conference. The first MWC conference game is Sept. 27 against Grinnell in Iowa. For the full schedule, check macalester.edu/athletics.